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1. The Central Committee of the Ecuadoran Communist Party instructed six Communist students to attend the initial showing of the "Iron Curtain" on 18 December 1948 at the Teatro Bolivar in Quito. The students were further instructed to attempt to disrupt the movie by throwing bottles of chemical compounds which would give off foul odors.
2. Three of the students were able to throw their bottles from the balcony, but were later apprehended by the police and arrested. Dr. Guillermo Lasso, a Communist lawyer, appeared to defend them and through his efforts the students were dismissed for lack of evidence. Lasso effected the release through the assistance of his friend, the Sub-Secretary of the Ministry of Government.
3. Later the same evening at a meeting at Communist Party headquarters it was decided to refrain from further action against the showing of this movie in order to avoid reprisals from the authorities.

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